



# International Seminars on Religion and Citizenship

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The *Religion and Citizenship* international seminars are designed to bring experts and members of the public together to consider the interrelation of political, civil, and religious discourses in Central and East European countries.

These seminars are designed as an interdisciplinary platform for sociologists of religion, legal scholars focused on religious freedoms, sociologists, theologians, philosophers of religion, and political philosophers who are interested in discussing the multidimensional role and place of religion for citizens, diverse civil institutions, and the state in Central and East European societies.

The series will consider historical, socio-cultural, theological, philosophical, and existential matters that influence the behavior of individual citizens as well as the preconditions for personal and institutional religious activity in a variety of public spheres.



These seminars will provide students, academics, public officials, and representatives from religious institutions a forum to explore these issues freely, openly, and critically, all within the bounds of charity and respect for all persons.

Seminars will be twice a month beginning in March 2015, each consisting of a 30-minute lecture, a 15-minute response to the primary lecture, and 40 minutes of open discussion. The seminars will be held in English at various local venues.

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## Schedule of Activities

### March 2015

1. "Religious Conversion in Contemporary Kazakhstan: The Tension between Freedom of Conscience and National Security"
  - a. Date: Wednesday, 18 March at 15.30
  - b. Location: MRU (Ateities g. 20) Building II. Rm. 230
  - c. Lecturer: Dr. Julia Shapoval (L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University)
  
2. "I am an African with a British Passport: Negotiating Citizenship in a Contested Multicultural Society"
  - a. Date: Wednesday, 26 March at 15.30
  - b. Location: MRU (Ateities g. 20) Building I. Rm. 220
  - c. Lecturer: Dr. Afe Adogame (New College, University of Edinburgh)

### April 2015

1. "Religious Diversity and Mainstream Media in Lithuania"
  - a. Date: Wednesday, 15 April at 15.30
  - b. Location: MRU (Ateities g. 20) Building II. Rm. 230
  - c. Lecturer: doctoral student Gintarė Pocė (Vytautas Magnus University)
  
2. "Anti-Catholicism in Lithuanian Culture"
  - a. Date: Thursday, 29 April at 15.30
  - b. Location: MRU (Ateities g. 20) Building II. Rm. 230
  - c. Lecturer: Dr. Irena Vaišvilaitė (Vilnius University)

### May 2015

1. "Environmental Communalism and Nature-based Spirituality in the Post-Soviet Region: Socio-cultural Alternatives of Anastasians"
  - a. Wednesday, 6 May at 15.30
  - b. Location: MRU (Ateities g. 20) Building II. Rm. 230
  - c. Lecturer: Dr. Rasa Pranskevičiūtė (LUHS/ Vytautas Magnus University)
  
2. "Ideology, Faith and the Politics of Emancipation"
  - a. Date: Wednesday, 13 May at 15.30
  - b. Location: MRU (Ateities g. 20) Building II. Rm. 230
  - c. Lecturer: Dr. Andrius Bielskis (Mykolas Romeris University, DEMOS Institute)
  
3. "The Forgotten Concept of Sacrilege: Former Excess and Recent Indifference in Europe"
  - a. Date: Wednesday, 27 May at 15.30
  - b. Location: MRU (Ateities g. 20) Building II. Rm. 230
  - c. Lecturer: Dr. Andrius Sprindžiūnas (Mykolas Romeris University)